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ASIAN AUTUMN EVENTS CONTINUE--ASIAN MUSIC AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

Performances of Japanese and Korean music are among October events in The Cleveland Museum of Art's annual *Asian Autumn* series. The ambitious 1991 series continues throughout November, with many events complementing the 75th Anniversary exhibition **The Triumph of Japanese Style** (October 19-December 1).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, AT 4:30 PM. Japanese-born Clevelander Kei McMillin, popular as a teacher and performer at the Art Museum, returns to the Lecture Hall stage for a demonstration of the koto (plucked zither). The modern thirteen-stringed koto, made of paulonia wood with movable bridges for each string, has its antecedents in ancient Japan. Ms. McMillin, a former designer and creative stylist at American Greetings Corp., is a translator and teacher of Japanese language, author of a Japanese language textbook, and lecturer on Japanese culture and costume, and is teaching Japanese calligraphy at the Art Museum this fall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 8 PM. Ok-sun Ahn, of Seoul, Korea, will give a thirty-minute performance of kayageum pyongchang (singing accompanied by the kayageum, a Korean lute) in Gartner Auditorium. Ms. Ahn has studied kayageum pyongchang--designated an intangible cultural treasure of Korea--with Kwi hee Park; she has studied the more masculine and demanding technique of kayageum sanjo with Tong-jong-wol Ham. She has performed at the Okinawa Ocean Exposition in 1975, the Korean National Liberation Day celebration performance in Japan in 1980, the Taiwan Asian Arts Festival in 1986, and in a nationwide tour of Japan in 1987.

Her performance will be preceded, at 5:45 pm, by a lecture on "The Nobility of Korean Buddhist Art" by Youngsook Pak of the University of London, London, England.

The lecture and performance are made possible by the International Cultural Society of Korea, Seoul. A reception will be held in the Students' Room following the lecture by Dr. Pak. Admission to the Museum and to these performances is free.

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